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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of California Water Service Company (U-60-W), a Corporation, for Authority to Implement a Low-Income Ratepayer Assistance Program in Compliance with Decision 03-09-021 in Application 01-09-062.

Application 05-10-035
(Filed October 28, 2005)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
GRANTING MOTION TO WITHDRAW PROTEST,
FINDING AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING UNNECESSARY,
AND MODIFYING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On May 3, 2006, a Scoping Memo and Ruling (Scoping Memo) was issued by the Assigned Commissioner setting forth the procedural schedule and issues to be addressed, and other matters to facilitate processing of this proceeding. The schedule included an evidentiary hearing on August 14, 2006. The Scoping Memo also recognized that settlement discussions were underway between the parties.

As a result of the settlement discussions, Applicant California Water Service Company (Cal Water) filed an amended application on June 12, 2006 reflecting the concerns of the protestant, the Commission's Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA). On June 13, 2006, DRA filed a motion to withdraw its protest. No opposition or protest was filed to Cal Water's amended application or to DRA's motion to withdraw its protest.

DRA's motion to withdraw its protest is granted. Cal Water's amended application is unopposed. Therefore, in consultation with the Assigned Commissioner, it is ruled that an evidentiary hearing in this proceeding is

unnecessary, and the schedule set forth in the May 3, 2006 Scoping Memo is vacated. The assigned Administrative Law Judge will request this matter be removed from the Commission's Daily Calendar.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated July 19, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KENNETH KOSS
Kenneth Koss
Administrative Law Judge

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Dated July 19, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

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